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SEVEN HOMES BEREFT.

Death's Shadow Brings Sorrow to Many Hearts.

Mont Hale Dies Suddenly.

Mont Hale, a native of this city, died at his home in Huntington early on Tuesday morning last, after an illness of only a few hours. Interment followed in the Huntington cemetery on Wednesday, July 2nd. Mr. Hale was badly injured by a B. & O. train about eight months ago, necessitating his confinement in a hospital for a considerable time and it is thought that his death was a result of the injury received at that time. He was 45 years old and is survived by a widow and one grown son. His only daughter was killed by a street car in Huntington several years ago. He is also survived by four brothers, James, George, Millard and Bascom, all of this city. The first three were present when their brother died. Bascom had gone to the bedside when the news came that Mont was critically ill, but believing the worst was over he returned to Louisa. All were present at the burial. The widow was a daughter of Sam Wellman of Fort Gay. Mont Hale was an industrious man, much respected by all who knew him. He owned the property where he lived and had a \$1000 insurance in the Modern Woodmen.

Died of Pellagra.

On the night of Tuesday, July 1st, Mrs. Minnie Hall Evans, wife of Chit Evans, died at her home in this city after a long and painful illness caused by pellagra. She was buried on Wednesday afternoon in the Fulkerson cemetery. She was 39 years and a few months old and is survived by a husband and four children—three sons and one daughter. Funeral services at the house were conducted by the Rev. L. M. Copley, of the Baptist church, the deceased having been of that faith.

Mrs. Evans had been married twice. Her first husband, whom she married before her coming to this city, was named Hall, and was the father of the surviving children. She was a quiet, religious woman, much respected by those who knew her.

Death of a Child.

On Thursday of last week the young child of George Kelly and wife died at the home of its great-grandfather, Mordecai Wilson, of this city. The child had been sick of bowel trouble, and on Thursday it was brought by its parents to Mr. Wilson's for treatment. It died, however, not long after its arrival. The body was taken to the Wilson burial ground on Lick creek, for interment. The little one was 15 months old.

Aged Man Dead.

On Tuesday night, July 1, Robert Loar died at the residence of his son-in-law, James Rice, aged 89 years. On Wednesday the body was taken to the Henry Loar place, across the Big Sandy and nearly opposite the mouth of Blaine, where it was interred. His death was caused by infirmity incident to old age. Mr. Loar was a highly respected citizen and left many relatives and descendants.

Mrs. Gertrude Burke Dead.

After a lingering illness, caused by tuberculosis, Mrs. Gertrude Burke died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. C. Holbrook at four o'clock Thursday afternoon. A more extended notice will appear next week.

Prominent Ashland Man Dead.

R. D. Davis, well known banker and business man of Ashland, died at his residence in that city Wednesday night. He was 69 years old.

Death of Judge S. G. Kinner.

As the NEWS goes to press it learns that Judge S. G. Kinner died at his home in Catlettsburg at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

We are publishing in this issue merely as a matter of news a report on the State prisons, a subject which seems to interest the general public.

The Time, The Place, The Girls.

The time was Friday evening last. The place was the studio of Miss Shirley Burns, and the girls were several of Louisa's most attractive young females and a fair damsel from Whites Creek, W. Va. (The machinist is Ernest—ly requested not to make two words of damsel, for she ain't.) They and some of the other sex had foregathered in the studio to partake of a Dutch tea, which consisted of almost everything good to eat except tea. But its absence was not felt in the presence of so many other and more delicious comestibles. The occasion was purely informal, and on this account all the more enjoyable. Nothing was left save the table covers, the gastronomic ability of some of the masculine guests forbidding such a possibility.

BUYING ASSIGNED CLAIMS.

Frankfort, Ky.—Deputy Sheriff D. E. Bailey, brother-in-law of the Sheriff of Bell-co., held a conference to-day with State Inspector and Examiner Sherman Goodpastor and Assistant State Auditor G. B. Likens in regard to a report on Bell county which the inspector is preparing to submit after an investigation of the county offices. The Auditor's office has been holding up witness fee claims from Bell county, aggregating \$1,500, which had been assigned to Deputy Sheriff Bailey. Sheriffs are not allowed to buy up claims. Mr. Bailey explained that he had bought them as an accommodation for a woman, who put up the money, but Mr. Likens thought they should be assigned in her name.

MARRIED IN OHIO.

Brad. Chaffin, Louisa Man, Captures a Pair Buckeye.

A quiet and simple wedding took place Tuesday afternoon at the home of the Rev. William H. Musgrave on Holgate-av., when Miss Luella M. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smith, of Holgate-av., was united in marriage to Mr. Bradford Chaffin, of Louisa, Ky. The young people left over the 6:10 Wabash train for Toledo. From there they will go to the home of the groom in Kentucky.

The wedding came as a surprise to many friends. Mr. Chaffin was employed a few months ago as a linotype operator on the Crescent-News, while Miss Smith had charge of the Society Department. Later Mr. Chaffin entered Newspaper Contest work and has been located in Kentucky and Virginia. He had not forgotten the friendship formed however, while working at Defiance and returned to claim his bride.

Miss Smith has a large host of friends in Defiance, who wish the newly-weds a happy and prosperous married life. The Crescent-News extends its best wishes and congratulations.—Crescent-News, (Defiance, Ohio.)

The foregoing tells its own pleasant story, but a line or so in the columns of the groom's home paper would not be out of place. He and his bride arrived here on Saturday last and were warmly received. The mercury was flirting with the 90 mark on the tube, and the many friends of the young Benedict were ardent in the welcome and congratulations and wishes for the prosperity and happiness of "Brad" and his young wife. Mrs. Chaffin is a very bright and attractive woman, very pleasing in manner and person, and has already won many friends in the birthtown of her husband, and where he has made a character without reproach.

Mrs. Chaffin will remain in Louisa for some time, while her husband attends to a contest in Lancaster, this State.

Open Season For Squirrels.

The open season for shooting squirrels is now on. They can be hunted until September 15, when the law forbids the killing of them until November 15, the beginning of the open season for quail.

Assistant Solicitor Wallace has gone to Cincinnati to attend an important meeting of C. and O. directors and other officials.

ANNUAL CONVENTION

Of Lawrence County S. S. Association will be held in Louisa July 9-10.

Let us all hold in remembrance the fact that the Lawrence County Sunday School Association will hold its annual meeting in Louisa, beginning on Wednesday, July 9 and continuing two days. Representatives from nearly all the Sunday schools in the county will attend, and they will be edified and interested by some of the best workers in the State. A fine program will be discussed, and the officers will spare no pains to make all the sessions of the association well worth attending. Entertainment has been secured for as many delegates as will be present, and all know that Louisa hospitality is of the gilt edged, blue ribbon variety.

The Sunday School has become a very important factor in the uplift of humanity, in that it begins with the young life of the community. It bends the twig in the right direction, so that it may grow to strong, useful maturity, and in the convention the ways and means for securing this desirable end are discussed by veterans in the noble work. Come, then, and improve the golden opportunity afforded the coming together of Sunday school people.

LAWRENCE TEACHER MARRIED.

The many friends of Miss Maudg Dean and Mr. Willard E. Quillen will be surprised and pleased to learn that they were united in marriage Saturday evening at Ironton, where they went in order to avoid the worry and confusion of a marriage at home. The wedding service was performed by "Squire Neal."

Miss Dean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Dean, of Lawrence county and is a most charming and accomplished young lady. She was formerly one of Lawrence county's most successful school teachers. The lovely bride is a sister of Mrs. Geo. Mustetter, of this city with whom she made her home. H. S. Dean, also of Ashland, and J. C. Dean, of Ironton.

Mr. Quillen is a well known young photographer, a member of the Ashland band and Presbyterian orchestra, and is a splendid young man in every way worthy of his charming bride.—Ashland Independent.

AN ODD LOOKING CORNER.

The old Swetnam residence which had stood on the corner of Madison and Jefferson streets for half a century or more has been moved to a point opposite F. T. D. Wallace, Sr.'s, barn, turned so as to face west and set back 15 or 20 feet from the street. To us old timers the place where the house and its outbuildings stood for many years looks quite odd. It is said that a business house will be erected on the now vacant corner.

WORK BEING PUSHED

On Beaver Creek Branch of the C. & O. Railroad.

WHITESBURG, Ky., June 25.—Splendid progress is being made on the Beaver Creek branch of the C. & O. railroad from the mouth of Beaver to Steel's Creek, twenty-two miles. Hundreds of men and teams are being employed in the construction, working double time.

With continued favorable weather conditions, the road will be completed and ready for operation by December first—three or four months earlier than was really expected by the projectors of the road. Everything is being put in readiness, it is said, for the construction of the Beaver Creek branch of the Baltimore & Ohio, the survey of which was recently completed to parallel the Chesapeake & Ohio branch. This latter line will also build to the headwaters of Beaver Creek to penetrate the entire Beaver Creek holdings of the Mineral Fuel Company, who own a large area of coal and timber lands in that section.

SUPT. JAY O'DANIEL.

Some time ago Supt. Jay O'Daniel received a flattering offer to take a position with a large firm of school book publishers. At the same time he was being urged by the best citizenship to run for Superintendent of Schools again. He did not reach a decision until the publishers sent for him about two weeks ago to make a trip to their headquarters, make a trip to their headquarters, their offer until he signed a contract. After his present term of office expires he will go to work for the publishers.

Mr. O'Daniel has made a record as Superintendent of Lawrence county schools that has attracted attention all over the State. He ranks with the very best and most progressive school men of Kentucky. He has accomplished wonders for the schools in the three and one-half years of his administration and there is general regret over his retirement amongst the best people of the county, regardless of politics. His administration has been absolutely fair and impartial. No taint of graft or favoritism mars his record. Friend and foe alike have been compelled to "come clean" in their dealings with the county, the State, and the interests of the school children. In addition to this he has put progressive methods into force which have doubled the efficiency of the schools. The standard is higher all the way through. School houses have been built where worst needed. We can not attempt to enumerate here all the good things he has done, but we feel that he deserves to be given a lot of credit for his work.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Beautifully Observed at M. E. Church South Last Sunday.

The celebration of Children's Day at the M. E. Church South on Sunday evening last was a very beautiful affair. An elaborate program had been prepared by a committee who had fine taste and much experience in such affairs. It had been carefully and diligently rehearsed. The "setting" was admirable, and the material was tractable and apt. So, with these necessary factors furnished and at hand the success of the entertainment was assured. The time, the place and the youthfulness of so many of the participants in the programme limited the exercises to certain lines, but with these limitations it was surprising how very attractive the occasion was made. In spite of the intense heat the church was packed so that it was almost a physical impossibility to get even a place to stand up, much less a place in which to sit, and scores stood on the outside, with more or less patience, and looked and listened as the various numbers were rendered in a manner much above the ordinary. The little ones, unabashed by the crowd and undaunted by the heat, acted well their parts, and the older ones who had anything to do or to say said and did it well. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and music lent its peculiar charms. The principal number of the evening was a strikingly beautiful pantomime, with musical accompaniment, entitled "Abide With Me," presented by a bevy of pretty girls. The words of the grand hymn were sung by Miss Kate Freese in her perfect way, its sentiment fittingly interpreted by the action of the girls. Misses Edith Marcum, Shirley Burns and Opal Spencer were foremost in the arduous work of preparing for the occasion and to them much credit is due.

LAY THE DUST.

Do this and swat the fly. Both are menaces to life and can be avoided. The fly is a germ carrier, particularly of typhoid. Dust helps to spread tuberculosis. Swat the fly and use the sprinkler.

MORE LIGHT NEEDED.

Another matter which should receive needed attention at the coming meeting of the city council is the necessity of more and better street lights. Luna can't do it all.

400-BARREL GUSHER.

Big Strike in Morgan County Ahead of the Proven Area.

Barbourville, Ky., June 29.—The Kentucky petroleum fields have furnished some large strikes during the week, the best of which is a 400-barrel completion in the new district of Morgan-co. The strike, made early in the week, is the best of the summer. It is located some distance in advance of the proven area and was drilled by Kentucky operators, being one of a group of good wells drilled since the first of the year. Late reports tell of a satisfactory settled yield from this big producer, and it will undoubtedly inspire much new work in the territory outlying. In addition to the gusher, Morgan county contributed four strikes of smaller caliber, ranging from twenty-five to fifty barrels daily. These wells are all in the Cannel City neighborhood, the scene of the first strike in the county. The depth ranges from 1,600 to 1,700 feet.

Many new contracts are being let in the Morgan county pool, the only retarding feature being a scarcity of drillers. One man has a contract for eight wells. Within a radius of several miles of the ground of producers at Cannel City test wells are now drilling and the field constitutes the most active of the new developments in Kentucky.

GOOD SAMARITANS.

A woman who gave her name as Spades, her age as 19 years and her home as Portsmouth, was found in the C. and O. depot yesterday evening, very sick. The C. and O. officials notified the Salvation Army headquarters, and Mrs. Capt. Frazee responded promptly and to her the woman related a very pitiful story. She stated that she had been in a hospital in Portsmouth, where she had undergone a very serious operation; that while she was in the hospital, her five months old baby had died, and in addition to her other troubles her husband had deserted her. The unfortunate woman said that she was enroute to the home of her parents near Paintsville.

She was taken by rs. Frazee to the Salvation Army Mission Home in East Ashland, where she will be cared for until she is able to resume her journey to Paintsville.—Ashland Independent.

GREAT RELIEF.

The rain of Tuesday night and its following breezes brought great relief to our people, who feel that they are many degrees further from Hades than they were before the help came. At this hour the weather is endurable and the outlook for pleasant weather on the 4th is good. Let us be sane and sensible, and it follows that we shall be safe.

WILLIAM GOEBEL'S STATUE.

New Bronze Figure Said to be an Amazing Likeness.

FRANKFORT, Ky., June 30.—The bronze figure of William Goebel, which is to surmount the pedestal erected last week at the foot of the steps in front of the State Capitol, will be placed in position Monday. The canvas-swathed figure was brought forth Saturday afternoon, but the necessity for boring another hole in the pedestal, in which to insert a steel pin to hold the figure in place, necessitated an over-Sunday delay.

The statue is on heroic proportions, representing Mr. Goebel standing erect. Justus Goebel, his brother, who has looked after the work, is better pleased with this one than the statue which stands in the Frankfort cemetery. He secured some photographs and the death mask of his brother, that the sculptor of the statue in the cemetery did not have, and the result Justus Goebel thinks, is an amazing likeness of his brother, recognizable even from the rear.

IMPROVING THEIR STOCK.

Emory Wheeler, of Blaine, recently bought of W. T. Kane a pair of Poland China pigs of the big bone type. About the same time the same dealer sold to Willie Carter, deputy sheriff, another pair of the same age and breeding. There are no better breeds and there is no better stock. Their value is greatly enhanced by the fact that the animals have been made immune to cholera by serum treatment. Wheeler and Carter are both single men and have bought this fine stock and put it on the farms which belong to their fathers. By doing this they made a wise investment and set an example worthy of imitation. Also, they will not have to go west or in any other direction to get along in life.

Had Many Lawrence Relatives.

The following from the Catlettsburg department of the Ashland Independent will sorrowfully interest many people in this county:

Little Richard Queen, Jr., the 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Queen died this morning near four o'clock from blood-poisoning resulting from an operation performed Monday morning for an abscess in his side. He was a little fellow loved by everyone who knew him and his absence from among us will be only too sadly felt. A young sister 12 years old and brother four years, besides heart broken parents are left to mourn his loss.

On tomorrow afternoon the funeral services will be held from the home with interment to follow in the city cemetery.

ELECTROCUTED.

"General" May, of Clay Co., Answers With His Life for Murder.

General Mays, of Clay-co., paid the death penalty in the electric chair in the penitentiary at Eddyville last Friday morning for the murder of Mrs. Sherman Merideth in Clay-co., on March 5, 1911.

After a good night's rest and a hearty breakfast, Mays left his cell for the electric chair at 3:46 o'clock. He was accompanied by the death watch, "Jim" Black, and the prison chaplain, the Rev. J. A. Holton. Mays took a seat in the electric chair unattended.

At 3:51 o'clock a volume of 2,200 volts shot through his body, and in thirty seconds he was pronounced dead by the prison physicians, Drs. F. M. and D. J. Travis. The officials declared the execution the most successful of any of the nineteen held at Eddyville.

Warden John B. Chilton, three of his deputies, two prison physicians, the chaplain, 8 guards and one other person were the only witnesses of the execution.

History of the Crime.

General Mays on March 5, 1911, killed Sherman Merideth on Allen Creek, twelve miles from Manchester, in Clay-co., and wounded Farmer Freeman, for which he was tried and given a life sentence in the penitentiary, after which he was pardoned that he might be tried for the murder of Mrs. Merideth at the same time and place.

Mays was accused of killing eight men and Mrs. Merideth, but claimed that he had killed but three men and for the killing of two of these he was cleared on the ground of self-defense.

He is survived by two women who were married to him, a mother, seven brothers and four sisters and a beautiful 7-year-old daughter, Cecile.

Mays was a dutiful and obedient prisoner, spending much of his time in playing sacred music on his violin, from which he seemed to get much consolation.

Clay County Project.

General Mays was born on Otter creek, in Clay-co., in 1871. His parents at the time of his birth were non-professors of religion until after General had attained his majority. His mother is now a Christian.

Mays attended the public schools altogether only a part of two years. He frequently went to church while young, but had no advantage of

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